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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES APRIL 25, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to Order by Committee Chair, Edward Reading at 9:30 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, Edward Reading Committee Member, Norwood Allen Committee Vice-Chair, Sylvia Lippe

Excused:

Committee Member, Jamie Lugo

Also Present:

Nancy Miller, Deputy Attorney General Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst Milagros Collazo, Executive Director Vivian Lopez, Administrative Staff Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post and also posted on the Committee's web page.

Announcement of Quorum

Committee Chair, Edward Reading announced the presence of a quorum at 9:31 a.m.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

A. March 28, 2014 Public Minutes

Upon motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the March 28, 2014 public minutes were approved as amended. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. S-1630 ~ This Bill seeks to require counseling for certain domestic violence offenders.

Upon motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to support the Bill with the following comments: that the Bill should define completing a program and define treatment based on assessment for addictions and that these assessments be completed by licensed professionals. Voting in favor: all.

B. A-2460 \sim This Bill seeks to waive certain professional and occupational licensing fees for veterans and spouses of veterans.

Upon motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen the Committee voted to support the Bill with the comment that it is concerned with the lack of definition of spouse and would like clarification if this would be need based. Voting in favor: all.

C. A-2557 ~ This Bill seeks to require health care providers to observe certain practices concerning collection of outstanding balances on patient accounts. Upon motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to support the Bill to the extent that there is adequate notice to pay the balance. Voting in favor: all.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Nothing to report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Michael F. D'Archangelo, LCADC, LCSW Passaic County Community College

The Committee reviewed Mr. D'Archangelo's letter in reference to CADC testing. The Committee advised Mr. D'Archangelo to contact the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) and Richard Bowe at the Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey (APCBNJ). The Committee also invites Mr. Bowe in to talk about the computerized exam and any new developments regarding the 270 hours.

B. Matthew J. Riboldi

The Committee reviewed Mr. Riboldi's letter regarding credentialed interns and Mentally Ill Chemical Abuser (MICA) groups. The Committee determined to inform Mr. Riboldi that this is currently obtained through the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC) provided that the credentialed intern is licensed to provide such service.

C. Rule 534 - Mental Health Service Provider - Patient Privilege

The Committee reviewed the Superior Court of New Jersey's draft of Rule 534. *The Committee had concerns with how this uniform patient privilege would conflict with the federal law 42CFR which deals with the confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patients.*

X. FILED ORDERS

A. Rachel Perreault

The Committee reviewed Ms. Perreault's filed order formally withdrawing her LCADC application and voluntarily surrendering her Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) license.

XI. Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey MATTERS (APCBNJ) Nothing to report.

XII. Division of Mental Health and Addiction Service MATTERS (DMHAS) Nothing to report.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **June 27, 2014**, 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Meeting Dates for 2014

May 16, 2014	September 26, 2014
June 27, 2014	October 24, 2014
July 25, 2014	November 21, 2014
August 22, 2014	December 19, 2014

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Board moved to Executive Session at 11:32 a.m. to review applications, plans of supervision, consumer complaints, and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee adjourned the April 25, 2014 public session at 4:00 p.m.

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